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This Amendment and Response is in reply to the Non-Final Office Action mailed April 24, 2006. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: